

About Us

Chartered in 30 years ago in 1978, the Nobleboro Historical Society has a membership of about 200. Programs of special interest are presented during the fall and spring.

Each year school children come to the Historical Center to view the exhibits and learn about Nobleboro history.

Two college scholarships of \$1000 each are awarded annually, supported by income from memorial and scholarship funds. A third \$1000 scholarship in memory of Eleanor Purney will be given annually through 2009.

Everyone is welcome at our programs, which are free. All programs, except the Annual Meeting, are held at the Historical Center located at 198 Center Street.

Join us for AppleFest on October 4th at the Historical Center and Nobleboro Central School gym for community fun and to raise money for the Society and the School. Oral History projects with the Nobleboro 8th grade students were completed in 2007 and 2008. The Society and the Town Cemetery Committee are gathering information for a Nobleboro Cemetery Book – as suggested by Dr. George Dow.

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Nobleboro Historical Society
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2008-2009

Nobleboro Historical Society

The Society has a fine collection of memorabilia and maintains records related to Nobleboro and its people. These are preserved at the Historical Center.

The Center is one of Nobleboro's 12 original one-room schoolhouses. The restored 1818 building, formerly known as the Hawthorne School was moved to its present site in 1978 to house the Historical Society's collections. The former woodshed and "two-holer" bathroom have become the Center's office. In the basement a fire proof, humidity-controlled vault stores early town documents dating from 1788, invaluable resources for ancestor finding. Detailed genealogies, maps of home locations (1857) and land ownerships (1813), locations of 84 burial grounds, vital records ~ all are available by appointment for study.

The schoolroom itself contains varied displays of artifacts reflecting the life and times of Nobleboro families. Prized exhibits include a 1765 German Bible, woodcarvings of oxen, Indian relics; a floral wreath made of human hair, a large U.S. flag of 13 stars, an organ made in Nobleboro, and a ship model. Early items from the farm, sawmill, shipyard, general store, school, church, and railroad are among the many intriguing displays.

The Center is open Saturdays in July and August from 1:30 PM to 4:30 PM and all year long by appointment. Admission is free. Donations are welcome.

Annual Membership Dues

One Adult Member	\$ 10.00
Junior Member (under 18)	\$ 1.00
Family Membership	\$ 15.00
Life Membership	\$200.00
Send check to Lois Green, Membership Chair, P.O. Box 10, Nobleboro, ME 04555	

Publications for Sale

"Nobleboro, Maine – A History" (298 pages, published in 1988)	\$15.00
"Nobleboro's War Time Involvement" Softcover supplement to History Book	\$10.00
"Hard Times Cookbook" (355 pages, in 8 th edition, over 11,000 copies sold since 1976)	\$10.00
"A Bicentennial History ~ The First Baptist Church of Nobleboro, Maine 1773 to 1993"	\$ 5.00
Cemetery Map of Nobleboro	\$ 5.00
1813 Map of Nobleboro	\$ 5.00
1857 Map of Nobleboro	\$ 5.00
Shipping and handling costs	\$ 2.50
Each map measures approximately 18 x 24"	

2008 - 2009 Programs

Saturday, October 18, 2008 6:00 P.M.

Raising, Training, and Caring for Oxen Teams in Nobleboro

Three generations of the Roberts family – Ray, David, Holly and Eric -- will first demonstrate what their talented oxen can do, then tell about their decades of experiences with oxen, including lumbering in the woods, shoeing them, and showing at the local fairs. It's fascinating and they are magnificent creatures!

Note: Starts at 6:00 PM outside at the Center to see the oxen before sunset (7:00 PM). If it rains, the meeting will start at 6:00 PM inside.

Saturday, October 4, 2008

10:00 A.M.-2:00 P.M.

Historical Center & Nobleboro Central School

AppleFest

Silent auction, live music including the Newell Family and the Al Jones bands, pies & bakery, Fondy's donuts, apples & cider, crafts, dried flower arrangements, antique gun exhibit, Historical Center exhibits, sandwiches, kids' games & face painting, Nobleboro Volunteer Fire Department with 2 drawings, 12 local vendors, 3 free raffle drawings – and time to visit with friends and neighbors!

Come volunteer too!

Friday, November 14, 2008 7:00 P.M.

The Brown Family's Homestead Farm

Wayne and Dorcelle Brown will talk about their family's 6 generations of farming and being entrepreneurs here in Nobleboro – and still going strong. You know their farm stand next to Yudy's, but there is much more to their family's activities and projects.

Friday, March 13, 2009 7:00 P.M.

Shipbuilding in Damariscotta & Newcastle

Calvin Dodge, historian, lecturer and columnist for the *Lincoln County News*, will present the fascinating story of the local shipbuilding. How did they build those ships in Damariscotta Mills and get them to the ocean?

Saturday, April 25, 2009 6:00 P.M.

ANNUAL MEETING AND POTLUCK DINNER

at the Nobleboro Grange Hall
Back Meadow Road (Nobleboro Center)

Damariscotta Shapenote Singers

Shapenote music is a hymn form that traveled to New England with early English settlers. This is not happy, sweet, soothing church music, but energetic choral singing with haunting harmonies and eloquent poetry. Shapenote music is meant to be accessible, to draw people in. Shapenote singers do not "perform", the singers sing for the joy of the singing. Come prepared to sing along!

Bring a dish to share and a place setting.

Program Committee	
Judy Linker Thomas Moody Janet Peck	Mary Sheldon Alice Scott
For program information, please contact Janet Peck, Program Chair, 207-529-5936	

Friday, May 15, 2009 7:00 P.M.

The Wonderful Waldoboro Historical Museum

Tom Jordan, president of the Waldoboro Historical Society, will tell of the founding of the Museum in 1968 with the rescue of an old Sail Loft to the present. The Museum includes a large barn full of artifacts arranged in vignettes and also a one-room schoolhouse set up ready for students to come to class.

Friday, June 12, 2009 7:00 P.M.

Growing the Reeeaaally Biiig Pumpkins!

Buzzy Pinkham, owner of Pinkham's Plantation nursery in Damariscotta and the sponsor of the Great Pumpkin Race, will tell the tale of the giant pumpkin and how it grew. And there is an historical twist too because the 'original' pumpkin may have been at the St. Louis World's Fair.

NOTE: MEETING TIME IS NOW 7:00 PM

There is a short business meeting before the program and the program is followed by refreshments.

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